

DRAFT (Attachment A)
Minutes of the Population Technical Advisory Committee
Friday April 4, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Department of Commerce – Jessica Smothermon
Department of Environmental Quality – David Lillie
Department of Health Services – Richard Porter
Department of Revenue – Rosemary Soto
Department of Water Resources – John Fortune
Department of Transportation – Jami Garrison
Central Arizona Association of Governments – Jack Tomasik¹ – Travis Ashbaugh
Maricopa Association of Governments – Jeff Romine
Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization – Sharon Mitchell¹
Northern Arizona Council of Governments – Chris Fetzer¹
Pima Association of Governments – Sandra Holland
Department of Education – Robert Franciosi
Arizona State University – Tom Rex
* City of Phoenix – Max Enterline / Tim Tilton

MEMBERS ABSENT:

University of Arizona
Northern Arizona University
Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona
Western Arizona Council of Governments
Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization
League of Arizona Cities & Towns
County Supervisors Association of Arizona
The Navajo Nation
* State Land Department
* Department of Insurance

ALSO PRESENT:

Dennis Doby - Department of Commerce
Peter Kozy - Department of Commerce
Samuel Colón, Department of Commerce
John Fan – Department of Commerce
Allen Barnes – Department of Commerce
Warren Brown – Consultant¹
Jim Chang – School Facilities Board
Mobin Qaheri – Department of Housing

¹ Participating by teleconference

* Non-voting member

1. Call to Order.

Jessica Smothermon called the discussion to order at 10:00 am.

2. Approval of Minutes of Prior POPTAC Meeting's

Corrections were suggested to the January 11, 2008 minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting as amended was made by Richard Porter and seconded by Jeff Romine. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 29, 2008 meeting as written was made by Sandy Holland and seconded by Richard Porter. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

3. New business / Call to the audience

There was a question from Jeff Romine, the MAG representative, regarding the status of the ADEPT recommendations and the fact that the current POPTAC is run by an ADOC chair for an ADOC unit. The chair responded that a new Executive Order is in the works. Richard Porter said that DES had chaired the committee when it was at DES. The topic of the new state demographer was raised and Jessica stated that she would be raising the issue at the FSCPE meeting being held the week of April 13th.

4. Warren Brown Task Report No. 2

Warren Brown talked his way through his second report which looks at the Housing Unit Method. The main points that Dr. Brown made were: 1. This is a county wide study to see how the method might be improved. 2. The HUM method is a strong one. 3. The 90 census was used as a base point. Data collected by PopStats was then added to the base figures to see how close PopStats was to the 2000 census count. 4. Special census data was not used. 5. Occupancy rate was held constant as reported in the 90 census for the entire decade. This is done because there is no way of knowing how occupancy rate will change during the decade. This is common practice. 6. Average household size was also held constant for the decade also. 7. Changes are being made in the current decade to address the deficiencies of these practices. 8. The results of the Pima County pilot run at the same time as the 2000 census was encouraging for the possibility of using the ACS for updates to the occupancy rates and persons per household during the decade. 9. Based on Dr. Brown's opinion a regression model as applied by Stan Smith in Florida is not a viable choice in Arizona.

5. Allen Barnes Report on Race / Ethnicity Data Availability

Allen presented a report on the volume of data already available from the Census Bureau on the topic of Race / Ethnicity. The main points made were: 1. The report shows what we have available to explain Race and Ethnicity. 2. State data is available. 3. Because the Race / Ethnicity data lag one year, Tom Rex suggested he could accept the approach presented by ADOC of controlling the Census data to our estimates.

6. Adjournment

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Before adjournment Jessica conveyed that PopStats is challenging county estimates produced by the Census Bureau and will be working through that process. The meeting was adjourned by Jessica Smothermon